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SUBJ: UNEP--HABITAT FOLLOW-UP IN THE 31ST GA

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1. IN COURSE OF MEETING WITH TOLBA, KITCHEN ASKED HOW HE PERCEIVED A SOLUTION TO THE COMPLEXITIES SURROUNDING THE HABITAT REPORT WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE SECOND COMMITTEE COMMENCING OCTOBER 21. WE REVIEWED THE PROBLEMS INHERENT IN ANY RESOLUTION ON SUBSTANCE WHICH DOES MORE THAN TAKE ACCOUNT OF THAT REPORT WHICH HAD MANY OBJECTIONABLE PARTS THAT PRECIPITATED OUR NEGATIVE VOTE AT VANCOUVER. WE URGED TOLBA TO IMPRESS UPON THE CANADIANS AND THE EGYPTIANS THE UNDESIRABILITY OF INTRODUCING INFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE OR REOPENING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DECLARATION AND THE COMMITTEE REPORTS. TOLBA AGREED THAT HE WOULD USE HIS OWN GOOD OFFICES TO ACHIEVE A SATISFACTORY DRAFT DECISION IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE.

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2. ON THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION HE CONCURRED WITH

THE IDEA THAT GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO HABITAT FOLLOW-UP WILL NOT BE CONCLUDED UNTIL NEXT SPRING AND GIVEN THE DIVERGENCIES WITHIN BOTH THE GROUP OF 77 AND THE WEOG AS TO WHAT AN APPROPRIATE INSTITUTION MECHANISM FOR FOLLOW-UP SHOULD BE, WE COULD WELL CONSIDER REFERRING THE GLOBAL FOLLOW-UP ISSUE TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING. AT THE SAME TIME THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COULD STRONGLY ENDORSE SUPPORT BY UNDP AND UNEP IN PARTICULAR FOR THE INTENSE INTEREST IN CONCENTRATING POST-HABITAT FOLLOW-UP IN THE REGIONS THEREBY DE-EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO GIVE PRIOR ATTENTION TO A REALIGNMENT OF HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITY.

3. IN VIEW OF THE MANY TENSIONS AND POLITICAL HAGGLING NOW IN PROSPECT WE SEE CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN ATTEMPTING TO CONCENTRATE AT THIS TIME ON A REGIONAL APPROACH TO POST-HABITAT FOLLOW-UP AND IN LEAVING THE QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE HEADQUARTERS ARRANGEMENT FOR RESOLUTION AT A LATER DATE.
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